

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 11/12/14, 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conference room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Seth Federspiel, John Hurd, Melissa Laube, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Wayne Chouinard, Cary Conrad, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Jeanette Rebecchi, Victor Rivas.

Members of the Public Present: Rose Casazza, Maryann DeFrancisco, Chad Gibson, Adam Auster, Nawwaf Kaba.

1. Public Comments. Rose Casazza and Maryann DeFrancisco spoke on behalf of the Traffic Supervisors, requesting additional supervisors be brought on. At one time there were 30 supervisors and now there are about half that number. Request needs to go through School Committee.
2. Lake Street. Howard summarized report. It has been reviewed by ABAC. Chad noted concern that afternoon Lake St. traffic delays might send drivers through neighborhood streets. Nawwaf asked if WG had looked at impact of Minuteman signal on Mass. Ave. delay. Howard responded that the queue did not go back to Brooks. Nawwaf said we should give more precedence to Lake over Brooks, to avoid sending commuters onto residential streets. Howard suggested that TAC set up a Design Review Committee and include ABAC and other groups such as East Arlington Livable Streets (EALS) to set up timing of signal at bike path and coordination with Brooks and Lake Street. Scott added that he would like to see a testing of design with a police officer before spending funds on a new signal. Howard suggested we put off voting for another month while looking into conflicts between Lake St. pedestrians and the bikes on the Minuteman Bikeway, and the queue approaching Mass. Ave.
3. Administration.
 - a. Minutes of 10/8/14 meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Correspondence and handouts were reviewed. This will be Rich's last meeting. Oakland/Gray request for 4-way stop sign should be put on December agenda.
5. Town Reports.
 - a. Laura reported on Master Plan. Draft Recommendations for the Transportation section were distributed, to be discussed at December meeting. Public hearing is January 12.
 - b. Corey reported that they have hired a new (3rd) Parking Control Officer. Corey is working with DPW on a short-term solution to the problems caused by the traffic signal at Mass/Pleasant/Mystic which fell in a recent storm.
6. Votes to Authorize Spending.
 - a. \$500 for Lake Street Traffic Analysis. Voted unanimously.
 - b. \$900 for traffic counts on Paul Revere Road. Voted unanimously
 - c. \$300 for reflective tape for the Pedestrian Flags. Voted unanimously.
7. Lowell Street. Corey reported on result of speed survey. Small improvements noted on speeds since 2012 study.
8. Pavement Design Matrix. ABAC reviewed recommendations. Needs to go to Selectmen after TAC review.
9. Jason Street. Working Group met. Wayne asked to do cost estimate for possible raised crosswalk or raised intersection at Brantwood in front of Menotomy Rocks Park.
10. Jason/Mass/Mill Streets. Expected to begin construction this fall.
11. Paul Revere Road. Howard will initiate and oversee counts.
12. TAC January Social. Usually in January TAC has a short meeting followed by a social. Laura will ask Elisabeth if we can use Masonic Hall, as in past.
13. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for November: Agenda 11/12/14; Minutes of 10/8/14; Project List dated 11/12/2014; Individual Action List from 11/12/14; "Lake Street Corridor Results, 3rd Presentation to TAC, Recommendations, 11/12/14, Jeff Maxtutis—Working Group", Email from Amy Armitage to Howard Muise, Re. your flag program inquiry, dated 11/11/2014; Memo from Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager from TAC Re. Arlington Center Parking Implementation and Governance Committee, dated 10/15/14; Memo to TAC Co-Chairs from Marie Krepelka Re. 4 Way Stop @ Gray Street and Oakland Avenue, dated October 8, 2014; Letter to Board of Selectmen Chair Steven Byrne from Jim Britt, dated October 2, 2014.
- Arlington Police Dept. Lowell St. Traffic Counts
- Draft Master Plan 11/12/14 Transportation Recommendations